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### EVANS OPENS CAMPAIGN.

Candidate for Democratic Nomination for Governor Makes Aggressive Speech and Defines His Position.

#### CRITICISES MR. COWHERD'S STAND

Judge W. N. Evans opened his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Governor in a stirring speech before the Democratic Club at Joplin last Friday. He spoke in part as follows:

Under our form of government and election system political organization and party nominations are necessary and indispensable. Every citizen, no matter what his calling or avocation is, should participate in party organization, and in the selection of party candidates from President down. Missouri has practically spoken her choice for the Democratic nominee for President, and with almost unanimity has declared for William J. Bryan, who will be the standard bearer of Democracy in 1908, and around whose standard we can all rally with a hearty good will.

We can safely congratulate ourselves in advance that we will not go down in the avalanche of disapproval as we did in 1904, when nearly 50,000 Democrats stayed at home, thereby causing the defeat of most of our State ticket, among whom were some of the best men in the State, including my good friend and neighbor, Albert O. Allen, than whom the State never had a better officer.

In the coming presidential campaign there will be many important questions of a national character to discuss, but in the main to-night I shall confine myself to local or State matters. I shall not take up your time to discuss the tariff, though I have very pronounced views on that subject, and am unalterably opposed to a tariff for protection, and I believe that almost every voter who is able to think for himself has his mind quite well settled on one side or the other.

#### State Rights an Issue.

There is one other greater question that is, or will be, an issue in the coming presidential campaign, and that is the question of State rights under the Federal Constitution. The people have been asleep for a century on this question, and now a chief executive of the nation, full of energy and red blood, is pressing the question of Federal control of State affairs, and the doctrine of Alexander Hamilton is resurrected and stands erect with renewed energy and vitality, and, in his zeal to establish this undemocratic doctrine, the President of this Union has seemingly forgotten that there are under the constitution three distinct departments of State: The legislative, the executive and the judicial. But he assumes to coerce the legislative power and "pack" and influence the judicial department to do his will and adopt his views in the enactment and construction of laws.

All thoughtful people who believe in State rights are alarmed at the headway made by the advocates of centralization, and it behooves the Democrats to begin a campaign of education on this issue.

But I am a candidate for Governor of Missouri, and it is with the policies and functions pertaining to that office that I wish to deal now. If I am elected Governor and installed as the Chief Executive of this State, I will take as my guide and platform the Constitution and laws of the State, and use my best endeavors to enforce them as I find them, and to me all men stand equal before the law; the president of the bank and the janitor should be tried by the same rule of right, and the law that protects the man of property should, and will, protect the laboring man, whose energy and muscle are his only capital.

#### Favors Initiative and Referendum.

I had something to do with the framing of the Democratic platform in 1904 and in 1906, and I am now, as I was then, in favor of the initiative and referendum, whereby the people reserve to themselves the right and power to propose laws, as well as the right to approve or reject the polls any act of the Legislative Assembly. This policy is now crystallized in the proposed constitutional amendment to be voted on at the coming election; I favored then, as I approve now, the State primary election law. I favor now, as I did then, the regulation of public-service charges and the creation of a commission to regulate tolls, charges and rates of gas, electric light, telephone and public utilities.

I have absolute confidence in the wisdom and integrity of the people and am willing to trust them. I am opposed to government by injunction and am in favor of the right of a trial by jury in all cases. Freedom of speech and personal liberty are guaranteed by our State Constitution, and I don't believe any legislative act should undertake to di-

tate what the individual should say, eat, drink or wear, unless the individual should become a nuisance in the land or a menace to law and order, but we should not confound or mystify the term liberty.

We see by reference to the unerring pages of history that laws of some kind have always governed the human race. Civilized societies have their extensive and intricate systems of jurisprudence, and even semi-barbarous states yield to the commands of a King or some other despotic ruler. Even in societies possessing the greatest blessings each individual is restricted to certain limitations in his intercourse with others and invested with rights which extend to all and which cannot be infringed without endangering the security and happiness of every member who is an integral part of the community.

Liberty receives strength and vigor by wholesome laws and a punctual observance of them—not by despising them and treading them under foot. Justice, equity and regularity are all friends of liberty—she cannot subsist without them.

#### Local Option Democratic.

Now, in regard to the liquor traffic: I can safely say that the Democratic party is not a prohibition party, and I am not a prohibitionist, but our Constitution declares that the right of petition shall not be denied; therefore, I believe that when a respectable number of citizens petition the legislative power for a concurrent resolution submitting the question of prohibition their petition should be granted and the question submitted to a vote, and whatever the will of the majority is should be the law and should be enforced. The people made the Constitution; it is theirs, and they have a right to change or amend it whenever a majority of the legal voters so desire.

Local option is a good Democratic way for each locality to say whether or not the traffic shall be permitted in that locality, and our present local option law needs some amendment so as to fully protect communities having adopted it. In any community or city in the State where the liquor traffic is permitted by law, I am in favor of its being protected in its legal rights just the same as any other business. The State must control and regulate the liquor traffic, but it will not submit to the liquor traffic controlling the State.

I have but a slight acquaintance with W. S. Cowherd, and haven't a word to say against his personal character, which I understand is good, but I am unable, from his speeches, to determine how he stands as to the continuation and enforcement of the policies of the present administration, and it may be that if he is elected it means the return of the old machine in Missouri, and the people want to know.

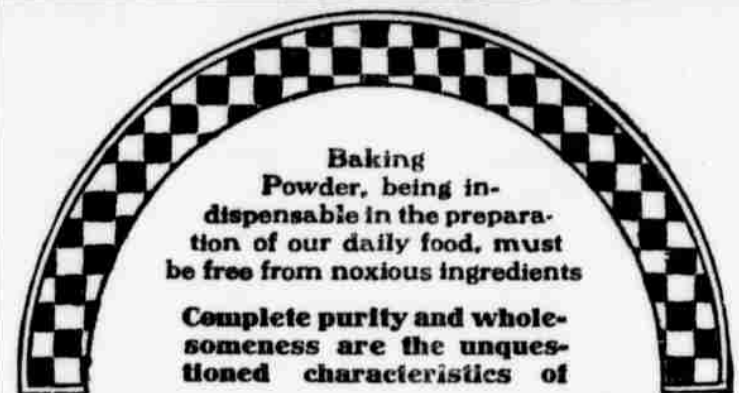
#### Questions Cowherd's Stand.

Read his speech delivered at Langdon February 20, where he said: "New theories of Government spring up with every day of sunshine, live their little life in the hour of their publicity, and die with the coming of the night." Then he said: "I call upon the old-time tried Democracy to rally to the flag?" Why should Mr. Cowherd lay stress upon the words "old-time tried Democracy" unless he means to rally and call to his support the old "machine," and in the magic of these utterances the "old guard," as they call themselves, have found new inspiration and new hopes, and have taken on new energy and new activity, and the captains are now giving orders from one end of the State to the other, and are proclaiming victory already, but I tell you, the fight is not over, but has just begun, and every inch of ground will be contested, and their will be no retreat.

Governor Folk inaugurated some new policies in this State by which he took the police of the large cities out of politics; he revolutionized the conduct of the police and made elections fair; he caused saloons to be closed on Sundays in the large cities, where he appoints the Commissioner. He

State the most the State had done many other not time to me encouraged officers where it had heretofore; then are the new theories that live their life of piety with the coming night when C. goes out, and the Cowherd, comes in, to the old way, with a each of the large cities, all others take orders, people continue these new in every part of the state?

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harmony, but harmony to them means our unconditional surrender and a patient submission to their policies. There will be no surrender but with firm reliance in the wisdom and patriotism of the people, we appeal to all good citizens to go to the primary on August 4 and see to the nomination of men who are friendly to the policies of the present administration and are pledged to continue and maintain them.

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#### Trustee's Sale by Sheriff.

Whereas John C. Medley and Willie Medley, his wife, by their certain deed of trust dated the 15th day of October, 1901, and recorded in the Recorder's office of St. Francois county, Missouri, in book 66 at page 279, conveyed to J. B. Evans as trustee the following described real estate, to-wit:

All of a certain tract of five acres, being in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirteen, in township thirty-six north, in range four east, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the line dividing said section thirteen from section fourteen at a point ten yards north of the southwest corner of the said northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of said section thirteen, and running thence north the distance of a line bounding one side of one and one-quarter acres to a post, thence east the distance of a line bounding one side of four acres to a post, thence south the distance of a line bounding one side of one and one-quarter acres to a post, and thence west the distance of a line bounding one side of four acres, being bounded on the west by land of J. B. Davis, on the south by land of J. W. Litter, on the east by land of Joseph Cowan, and on the north by land of Joseph Cowan, and being the same land that was deeded to grantors herein by Jesse B. Evans by deed dated Dec. 3, 1891, and recorded in book 30, page 426, St. Francois county land records.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described; and whereas by the terms of said deed of trust said note is past due and remains unpaid; and whereas the said J. B. Evans, trustee, cannot act by reason of having removed his residence from Missouri to California and his exact whereabouts not being known, now, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust, and at the request of the legal holder of said note, I, the undersigned Sheriff of St. Francois county, Missouri, will, on

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1908, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the court house, in the city of Farmington, in said county of St. Francois, Missouri, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the foregoing described real estate, together with said note and the cost of executing this trust.

J. J. CROCKE, Sheriff St. Francois County.

February 28, 1908.

#### Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons were granted probate of the will of the late J. B. Evans, deceased, by the Probate Court of St. Francois county, Missouri, on

Mrs. Sam Whiteside of Danby committed suicide by drowning herself in the water in her cellar on the 5th. To make the matter sure, she tied her feet together with a rope and then tied a pillow case over her head.

Samuel S. Stanton died at his home in Ste. Genevieve on the 4th, aged 79 years. He had always been a prominent politician. His wife and three children survive him.

Moore Haw is a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney of Mississippi county. Here's wishing him success.

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#### BUSINESS COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Nannie McDaniel has recently done stenographic work for City Attorney Boyer.

Miss Mary Cunningham has resumed her work in the office of Polite Elvins, Elvins, Mo.

Regular monthly examinations will be held in all of the schools next Tuesday, March 31st.

Miss Ruby Olive has recently done considerable typewriting work for Morris Brothers, Mr. J. W. Pipkin of Flat River and Hon. Geo. K. Williams, Mine Inspector.

George Trauernicht, one of our combined department graduates, who is doing stenographic and book-keeping work for the Charleston Real Estate & Abstract Co., writes that he is especially pleased with his position and new field of labor.

Prof. R. C. Marlow, our new principal here in Farmington, is an expert pen artist, excelling especially in the lettering and engrossing styles. Any lodges or school board wanting high-grade pen work should not fail to consult Mr. Marlow for rates.

Recent letters from Misses Snyder, Towers, Merritt and Sprout, inform Pres. Moothart that these young ladies, all graduates of last year, are especially well pleased with their positions, therefore, give words of praise for their Alma Mater.

On last Thursday, Hon. B. H. Marbury appeared before the Commercial Law class and delivered a most interesting and practical talk on the subject of Formation of Contracts, basing his remarks more especially upon parties who are incompetent to contract. All who are familiar with Mr. Marbury's method of presenting facts will well understand that the students agreed with one accord that the lecture was especially practical and instructive.

Thomas Simmons, who has been stenographer for Houck & Houck, lawyers, in Bloomfield, wrote Pres. Moothart last week requesting that he recommend a young man stenographer to take Mr. Simmons's place, as he desired to accept a position in Texas. Mr. Moothart is not able to send any graduate, as he has no young man student stenographer who is thoroughly competent to take the position, which again proves that there is a greater demand for competent stenographers than there is a supply.

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#### Resolutions of Respect.

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Whereas, It having pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to summon to a state of endless duration our worthy brother, James M. Pinson, who died March 2, 1908, we, while bowing with submission to the inevitable decree, "the dust shall return unto the earth as it was and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it," deeply deplore the severance of another link from our fraternal chain, therefore be it

Resolved, That we will ever bear in grateful remembrance the zeal and fidelity with which Bro. Pinson discharged his masonic duties, and will try to imitate his devotion to the grand principles of our fraternity.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and as a tribute of our affection the lodge be draped in mourning and a memorial page be inserted in our minutes, and a copy of the foregoing suitably engrossed be sent to the family of our deceased brother.

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